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FUNDS FOR PROJECT TIGER
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the budgetary allocation for 'Project Tiger' conservation programme'

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the increase would be sufficient to relocate nearly 1,500 villages with 65,000 families in the 28 tiger reserves spread across the country;

(d) if not, the alternative measures proposed to meet the requirement; and

(e) the time by which the Government plans to rehabilitate all the families from tiger reserves?

Answer

MINISER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A budget allocation of Rs. 65 crores has been provided under Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Project Tiger during 2007-2008 which is definitely an increase in allocations received in a year under the scheme so far.

(c), (d) & (e) The Wildlife Institute of India has been manadated to assess the crore areas of tiger reserves where village relocation has to be undertaken, in addition to other protected areas of the country within a timeframe. Simultaneously, action has been taken for developing a model involuntary village relocation/rehabilitation package through professional agency. While initiatives have been taken for enhancing the relocation/ rehabilitation package, till this is finalized and approved by the competent authority funding support is being provided to States as per existing norms under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project tiger. States have been requested for proposals for relocation/rehabilitation of villages from the tiger reserves.